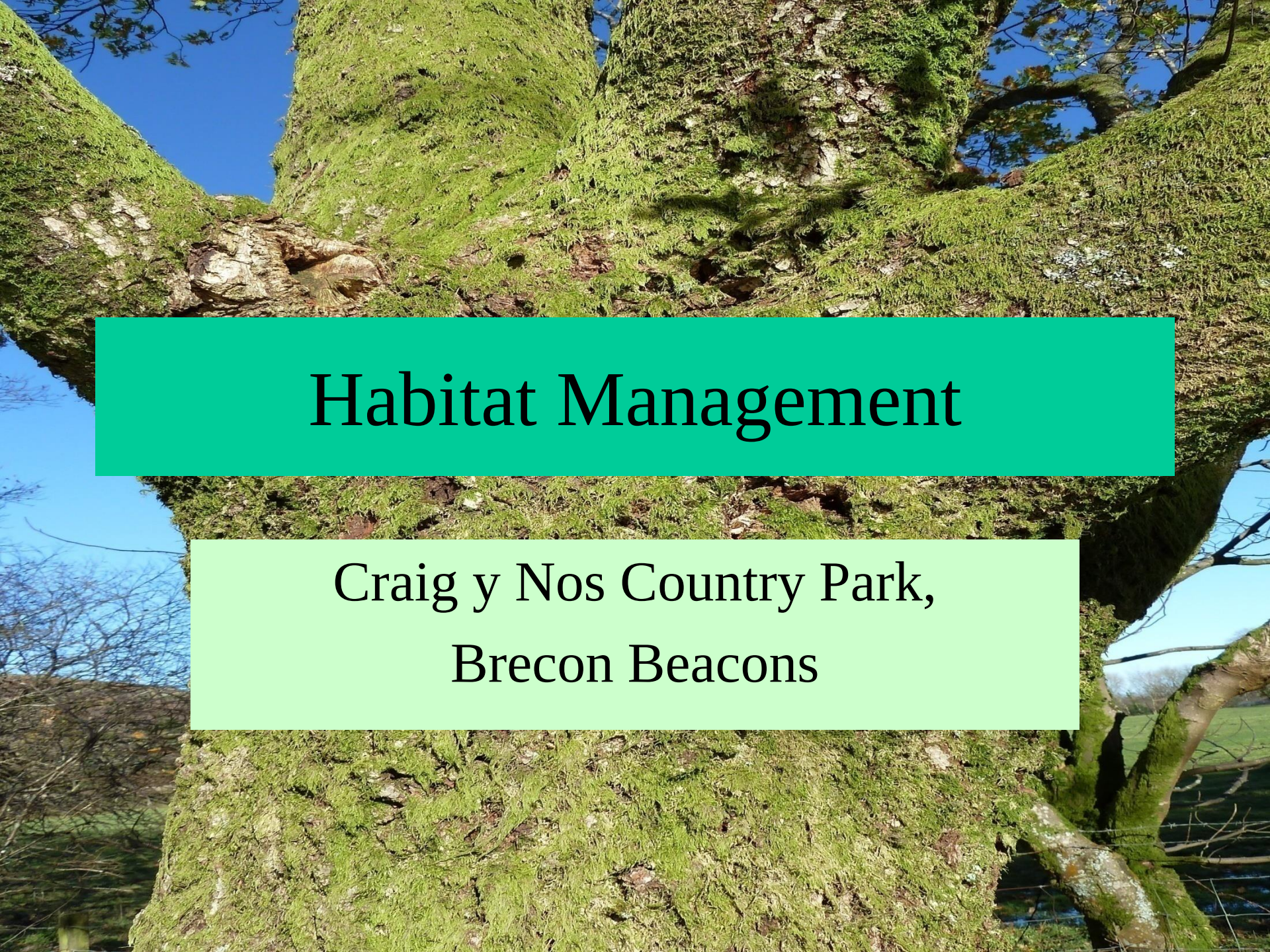


Habitat Management

Craig y Nos Country Park,

Brecon Beacons

Questions

- How is the site being managed?
- What is the site managed for and what evidence is there of potential anthropogenic threats
- Put forward management ideas which would improve the site in terms of:
  - Access
  - Wildlife

Historical Significance



Following recent vegetation clearance.



Historical context

- Built 1840s
- Adelina Patti – purchased 1878
- Castle – Grade II listed building
- Theatre – Grade I listed opera house
- Winter garden – Patti Pavilion
- Tuberculosis hospital – geriatric unit



TB treatment at CYN in the 1940s



Managed for Resources & Public Access









Habitats: Natural Resource

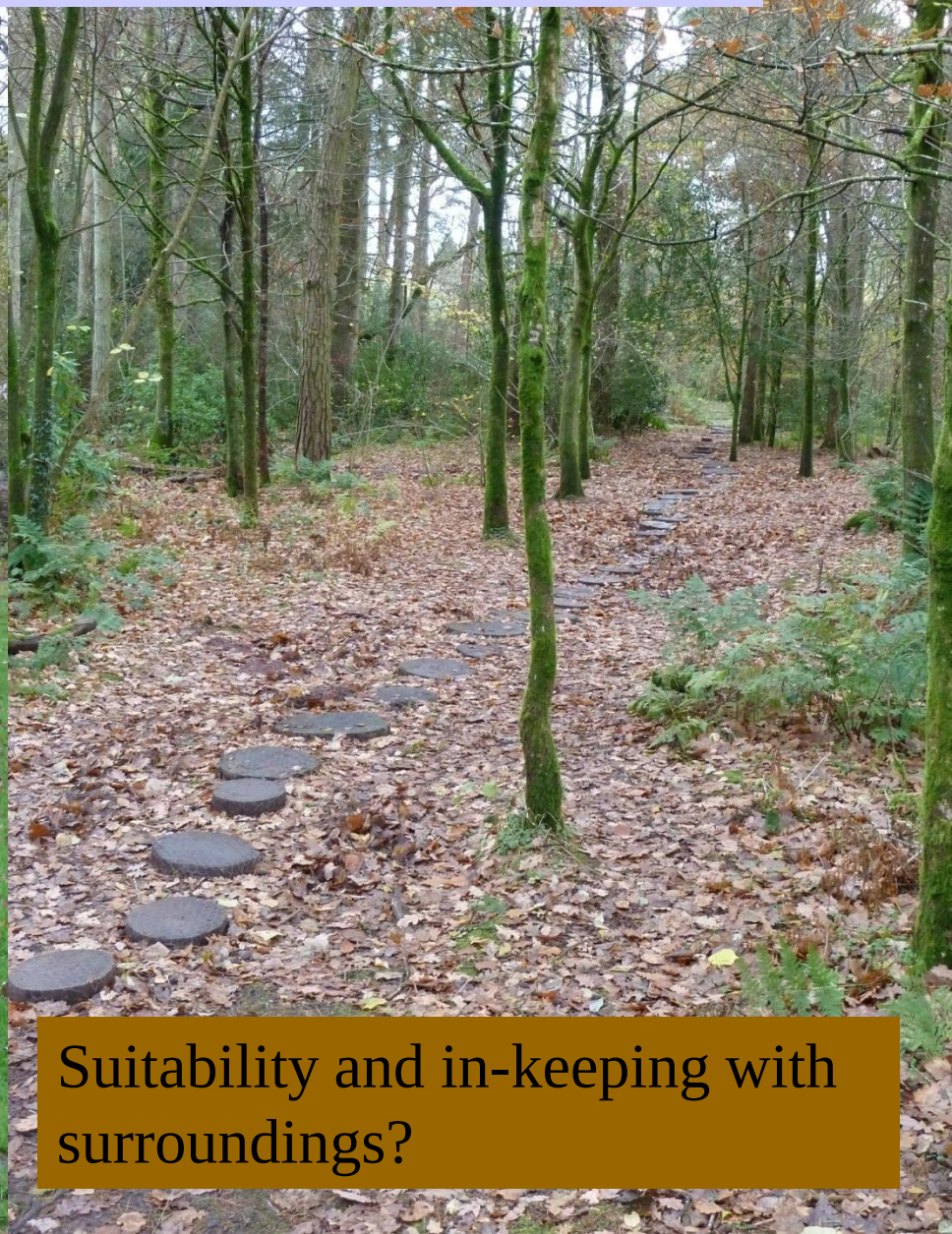
- **40 acres:**
  - **SSSI: ash wood on limestone scree**
  - **Wildflower/hay meadow**
  - **Beech wood**
  - **Rhododendron tunnel**
  - **Freshwater lakes/ponds**
  - **Pavilion lawn**

Access to Public



Managed for people: Access





Suitability and in-keeping with surroundings?









Paths

Bridges

Seating

Access Points: Beacons Way









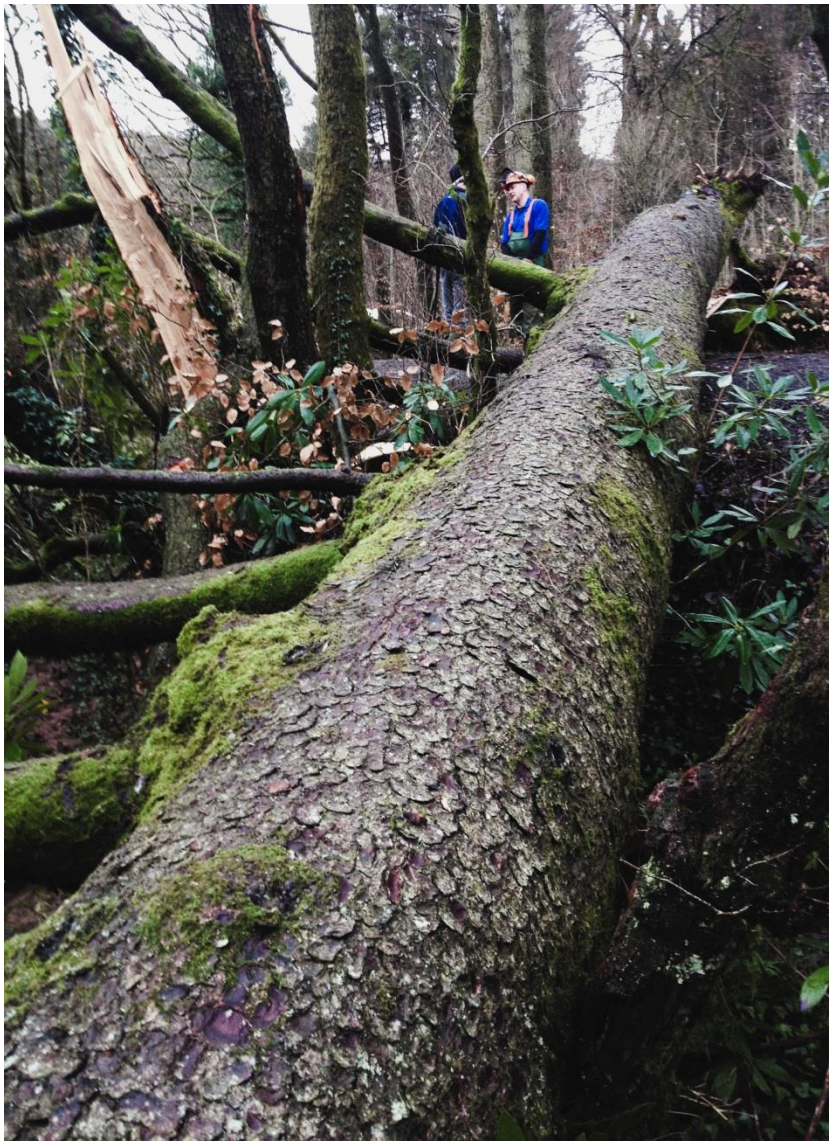




Not quite zoning but restriction of access necessary, together with information provision

Winter storm damage 2014 (Penn, 2014)








STIHL

Managed for people…and dogs!



Managed for people- Information boards



Managed for education









Managed for Wildlife







Managed for wildlife









Visitor Centre/ Entrance



- Classroom
- Geo Park - education
- Weather forecasting
- Toilets
- Parking
- Disabled facilities
- Café
- Seating
- Compost collection point

Wildlife Garden



Duckpond














Beech Wood








B20





Pond restoration – or not



Drying out of the alder woodland



So what could we do differently?



Beech wood – waterlogging from pond



Drainage channel



Channel clearing



Clearing leats of leaves & debris

Hay Meadow/ Wildflower Meadow











Invasive Species





Invasive species requiring active management







Coppicing and Pollarding







What do we do about moles?



Leaving deadwood

Managing for education – courses and conservation funding









Evidence of Anthropogenic Threats







Litter and dog waste ‘hidden’ underneath fallen tree on the path





Vandalism?







Vandalism?

- Next Week:
  - Craig y Nos Fieldtrip – have a look at the management plan on Moodle prior to site visit